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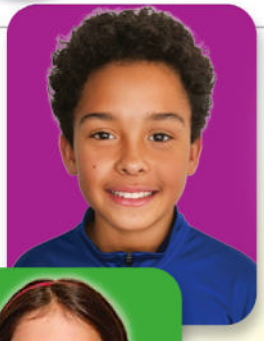

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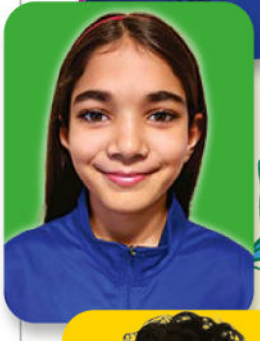

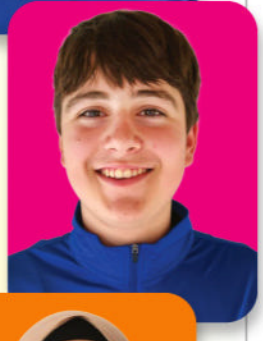

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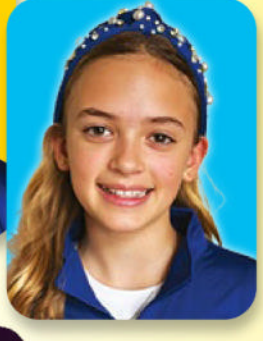
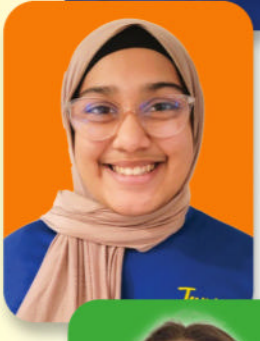
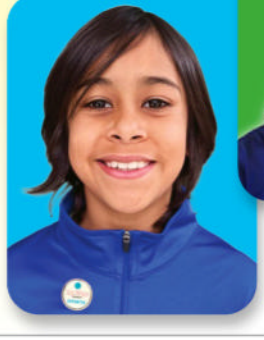






DID YOU KNOW?
Donald Trump was the nation's 45th President, serving his first term from 2017–2021, and also became the 47th when he was re-elected in 2024.

Terry Moran of ABC News (right) interviewed Donald Trump about his first 100 days in office.

A historic start

In 1933, President Franklin D. Roosevelt (above) took over a country in crisis caused by the Great Depression. In his first 100 days, he began enacting a set of policies known as the New Deal. He ushered 15 bills through Congress aimed at reviving the economy and providing relief to 12 million unemployed Americans.

First 100 days of Presidency marked

On April 29, President Donald Trump marked the 100th day of his second term in the White House. It has been a tradition in the US to assess the performance of the President at this milestone since the 1930s.

Why are the first 100 days important?

The 100-day period is typically seen as a time for Presidents to set the tone of their administration, advance key policies, and demonstrate their leadership. The idea started in 1933, when President Franklin D. Roosevelt gave a radio address to the nation summarizing what his administration had done (see box above) to tackle the Great Depression (period from 1929 to the late 1930s when poverty and unemployment soared). Historians have since used the first 100 days as a yardstick to measure a President's progress, often by comparing it with the first 100 days of previous Presidents.

A protest against Trump's policies

What has happened?

Trump issued about 140 executive orders, which was nearly as many as his predecessor Joe Biden signed in four years and more than four times the number Trump signed during the first 100 days of his first term. Executive orders are similar to laws but do not have to be approved by Congress and can also be undone by the next President. Trump has used the orders to keep promises he made during his campaign. He said he would streamline the government and has eliminated about 280,000 federal workers' jobs. He also imposed new tariffs (taxes on goods coming into the US from other countries) and took action on illegal immigration. The US Border Patrol reported 7,181 attempts to illegally enter the country in March, down from 137,473 during the same month in 2024. Although many people are pleased with Trump's actions, others said they have had a negative effect. For example, after he imposed tariffs, the US economy experienced a significant drop and many economists warned that prices of goods would increase for consumers.

What else has happened?

Trump has tried to negotiate an end to the war between Russia and Ukraine, which has been fought since Russia invaded Ukraine in February 2022. During Biden's Presidency, the US provided billions of dollars in support for Ukraine, but Trump has said it will be reduced or eliminated unless the US receives something in return. On April 30, the White House announced an agreement with Ukraine. Under the deal, the US will share money made from Ukraine's valuable mineral reserves, including lithium and titanium, which are used to make many electronic devices. It was not clear whether the agreement included continued US support for Ukraine.

What has the reaction been?

A poll by *The Washington Post*, ABC News, and Ipsos found that Trump had the lowest 100-day approval rating for a US President since polling began more than 80 years ago. Of the US adults surveyed, 39% approved of his job performance and 55% disapproved. Another poll, conducted by the Public Religion Research Institute, found that while Trump is unpopular, 92% of people who voted for him in 2024 are satisfied with their decision. At least 225 lawsuits (legal disputes) have been filed in response to Trump's executive orders, almost double the number that were filed in his first term. Hundreds of thousands of people have attended protests against his policies.

What will happen next?

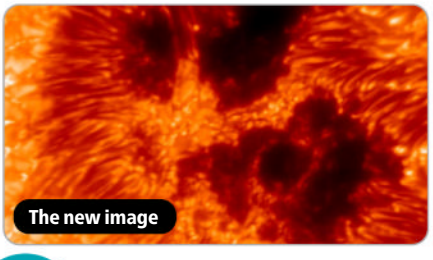
When *The Week Junior* went to press, courts had issued about 135 rulings that halted or paused Trump's initiatives. Additional decisions will be announced in the coming weeks. Trump has also asked Congress to pass a budget bill that includes tax cuts and decreases in spending. Congressional leaders hope to get the bill through the Senate and the House of Representatives by the end of May, but there is disagreement over many aspects of the budget.

New image of Sun is captured

The world's largest solar telescope used a new, advanced piece of equipment to capture an image of the Sun's surface in unprecedented detail. The Daniel K. Inouye Solar Telescope (DKIST) was recently equipped with a camera called the Visible Tunable Filter (VTF), which took more than 10 years to develop. The camera captures hundreds of images of the Sun at different wavelengths of light and combines them into a digital 3D view.

Located at the top of a 10,000-foot mountain on the island of Maui, in Hawaii, the DKIST has been studying the Sun's magnetic fields since 2019. These can cause solar flares and other events known as space weather, which can affect Earth's electronic and communication networks.

In the new image, sunspots appear as dark areas on the solar surface (shown below). They look small, but many of them are bigger than the continental US. Sunspots are caused by strong magnetic activity and often lead to solar flares and other events. The VTF, which is expected to be fully operational in 2026, could help scientists predict potentially dangerous solar weather.



The new image

Audra McDonald

CHILD STAR
The youngest Tony nominee was Evanna Lien, who was nominated at age 8 for her role in the 1960 musical The Sound of Music.

Theater award nominees named

The nominations for the 78th annual Tony Awards, the most prestigious prizes in Broadway theater, were announced on May 1. The awards will celebrate the best of the 2024–2025 Broadway season, recognizing achievements in acting, directing, stage production, and more.

Three musicals earned the most nominations this year. *Death Becomes Her*, *Maybe Happy Ending*, and *Buena Vista Social Club* received 10 nominations each, including best musical. The most-nominated plays were *The Hills of California* and *John Proctor Is the Villain*. Each received seven nominations, including best play.

Audra McDonald, who was nominated for leading actress in a musical for her role in *Gypsy*, made history as the most-nominated performer in Tony Awards history. McDonald has been nominated 11 times and has previously won six Tonys, also making her the person with the most wins. George Clooney earned his first Tony nomination, for leading actor in a play, for his Broadway debut in *Good Night, and Good Luck*.

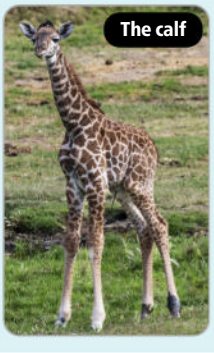
The TV series *Stranger Things* made its mark on the nominations. One of its stars, Sadie Sink, was nominated for leading actress in the play *John Proctor Is the Villain*. And the new play *Stranger Things: The First Shadow*, which is a prequel to the TV series, received five nominations for its leading actor, sound, lighting, costume, and scenic design.

The Tony winners will be announced on June 8 at a ceremony held at Radio City Music Hall in New York City and broadcast on CBS at 8 p.m. ET. The event will be hosted by Cynthia Erivo, star of the film *Wicked* and Tony winner for leading actress.

IT'S AN AMAZING WEEK FOR...

SAYING HELLO

A Masai giraffe calf was born at the San Diego Safari Park in California. The healthy male baby, who does not have a name yet, has been bonding with his mother. The species is endangered in the wild, and the calf's birth "ensures their global population remains strong and healthy," the park said.



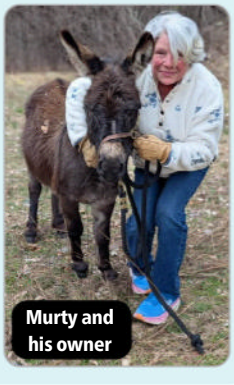
The calf

A SWEET WIN

Top prize at the UK's World Marmalade Awards went to Hitomi Wakamura, who is from Japan. After beating out 3,200 other entries with her Yuzu and Pear Marmalade, she called the win a "great honor." Her spread will be sold at retailer Fortnum & Mason, which called it "joy in a jar." A portion of sales will go to charity.

A GROUP EFFORT

Deirdre Carter was worried when her donkey Murty went missing from his barn. Word got around her Massachusetts town, and soon neighbors and strangers joined the search for him. After two days of looking in the woods, a volunteer with a drone saw Murty. Carter was thankful for their kindness. "What I witnessed was just amazing," she said.



Murty and his owner

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MEDAL OF DISTINCTION
Congressional medals are cast in gold and specifically designed for their recipients.

House Speaker Mike Johnson (far right) presenting the medal to Stanley Earley III as others look on

The past brought to life

The Six Triple Eight **(shown above) is a movie based on the experience of the Black female soldiers of the 6888th Battalion. Directed by Tyler Perry, the film stars Kerry Washington as battalion leader Charity Adams. The film came out on Netflix last December and has since won multiple awards. It is rated PG-13.**

Military unit awarded congressional medal

On April 29, a one-of-a-kind unit of Black women who served in the US military in World War II (1939–1945) received recognition from Congress (branch of government that makes laws). The Congressional Gold Medal, the nation's highest civilian honor, was awarded to the women 80 years after they played a historic role in the war.

Who were the soldiers?

The recipients of the medals were the members of the 6888th Central Postal Directory Battalion, the only unit made up entirely of Black women who served in Europe during the war. The battalion of 855 soldiers, nicknamed the "Six Triple Eight," was sent to England in February 1945 to solve the US military's mail crisis. They were led by Lieutenant Colonel Charity Adams (whose name later changed to Charity Adams Earley).

What was the mail crisis?

About 17 million letters, packages, and other pieces of mail had piled up in Europe, waiting to be distributed to US soldiers. Thousands of troops stationed overseas had not received mail that had been sent to them from family and friends for months or, in some cases, years. The military was concerned that the lack of communication from home was having a negative effect on the troops. The Six Triple Eight was assigned to solve the problem and get the mail delivered.

What did the Six Triple Eight achieve?

The soldiers began working around the clock, processing about 65,000 pieces of mail per shift. They did this despite facing racism from many members of the US military who didn't want them to succeed. They cleared the mail backlog in three months—twice as fast as it was expected to take. The unit was then sent to France to solve the backlog there. When they returned to the US, they faced continued discrimination. Unlike other units of white soldiers, the Six Triple Eight received no welcoming ceremony or public recognition.

What happened at the medal ceremony?

More than 300 descendants of the soldiers attended the event, held at Emancipation Hall in Washington, DC. Mike Johnson, speaker of the House of Representatives (one half of Congress), presented the medal to the family of Lieutenant Colonel Earley, who died in 2002. "These soldiers exemplified determination in the face of adversity," said her son, Stanley Earley III. Johnson called the women "great American patriots" and said their recognition was long overdue.

WORD OF THE WEEK

PORCUPINE

The "porcupine" is a large, spiny rodent, but in the Middle Ages it reminded people of another animal. They called it a porke despyne, **or a "prickly pig." It went by various names in the centuries that followed, including "porkpen" and "porkenpick." A regional US term for a porcupine is "quill-pig," and a baby porcupine is a "porcupette."**

THE WEEK IN HISTORY

May 11, 1910
Glacier National Park is established

On May 11, 1910, President William Howard Taft (1909–1913) signed a bill into law that established Glacier National Park as America's 10th national park. The1,583-square-mile area in Montana, located along the US–Canada border, features more than two dozen large glaciers and more than 2,000 species of plants and animals. Each year, about 3 million people visit the park.

Glacier National Park

Performers at the event

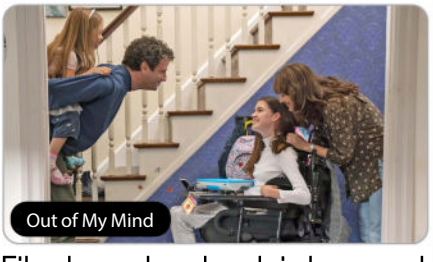
World's largest powwow held

Thousands of people assembled in Albuquerque, New Mexico, on April 25 for the 42nd annual Gathering of Nations Festival—the largest powwow in North America. Native American and Indigenous dancers, musicians, and artists celebrated their identities with parades, performances , showcases, and food offerings. The best thing about the powwow is "the respect that is shown to all Native people of the world," an attendee said.

Statue for a top coach

The statue

A statue honoring University of South Carolina women's basketball head coach Dawn Staley was unveiled at the college in Columbia. Since 2008, Staley has led the Gamecocks to three national championships and seven Final Four appearances. The 14-foot bronze statue depicts her on a ladder holding a basketball net, as if she'd just cut it down after winning a national title.


Out of My Mind

Film based on book is honored

The Disney+ film *Out of My Mind* is one of 34 winners of the 85th annual Peabody Awards, which recognize excellence in storytelling in broadcasting and streaming media. The film is based on the best-selling book of the same name by Sharon M. Draper and centers on Melody, who has cerebral palsy and asserts her independence. Judges called the film "heartfelt" and "thoughtful."

National Teacher of the Year selected

Ashlie Crosson

WOW! A Venezuelan woman, known as La Maestra Chucha, holds the world record for the longest teaching career: 87 years.

Ashlie Crosson, who teaches English at Mifflin County High School in Lewistown, Pennsylvania, was named the 2025 National Teacher of the Year on April 29. The news was announced on the TV show *CBS Mornings*.

The National Teacher of the Year award is considered the most prestigious teacher recognition program in the US. It has been given out since 1952 by the Council of Chief State School Officers. Every year, the organization names its State Teachers of the Year and chooses the National Teacher of the Year from that group. Crosson was chosen from among 56 state winners.

Crosson has been an educator for 14 years. Besides teaching English, she is an adviser to the school's journalism program, which publishes the school newspaper and district magazine. In this role, she instructs students on the fundamentals of journalism.

As the National Teacher of the Year, Crosson will not be in the classroom during the next school year and will instead spend her time acting as an ambassador for the teaching profession. She hopes to speak to educators across the US about teaching with authenticity to cultivate the next generation of problem-solvers.

CCSSO Council of Chief State School Officers

CCSSO selects the Teacher of the Year.

"I think especially at the high school level, students are trying to figure out who they are, and they need to see that from their teachers too," she told *CBS Mornings*. "If we want them to figure out their identity, then we have to be ourselves as well, because they're going to learn through what they observe."

Crosson, the first person in her family to graduate from college, was inspired to become an educator because of the teachers and counselors she had during her own school years. Her journalism teacher, Tona Williams, "saw potential in me when I didn't see it in myself," Crosson said. "She made her students feel like they matter, and she still does."

The other 2025 finalists were Mikaela Saelua from American Samoa, Janet Damon from Colorado, and Jazzmyne Townsend from the District of Columbia.

THE WEEK'S SILLIEST HEADLINE

"Polite alligator knocks on door before entering Florida home" ***Roya News English***

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Around the world

Valletta, the capital of Malta

Malta
"Golden passports" against the law

Malta's "golden passport" program was ruled illegal by a top court of the European Union (EU, a group of 27 nations). The plan gave people from other countries a Maltese passport if they paid about $700,000 and spent 12 months in the country. Malta is an EU member, so having a Maltese passport would allow people to live in other EU countries, too. The court said EU countries can't grant citizenship in exchange for large amounts of money.

Walking to work in Mexico City

Mexico
Weekly working hours to be cut

The Mexican government has announced that it is going to reduce the standard number of hours people work each week from 48 to 40. The transition is expected to happen gradually and should be complete by January 2030. The Minister of Labor and Social Welfare, Marath Bolaños, said the government will host discussions across the country this summer so experts can share their opinions on how to make the change.

The violin

Magyarpolány, Hungary
Hidden note found in prisoner's violin

A secret note has been found inside a violin built by a Jewish prisoner during World War II (1939–1945). Franciszek Kempa crafted the "violin of hope" in 1941 while he was at a German concentration camp (prison). Art dealers in Hungary recently found a note inside, written by Kempa. It says, "Trial instrument, made under difficult conditions with no tools or materials."

Lauwersoog, the Netherlands
New seal sanctuary opens

A seal rescue center has opened to the public in Lauwersoog. The World Heritage Center is designed to help seals from the Wadden Sea, which is north of the Netherlands. Most are pups that have been separated from their mothers. About 70 seals can be treated at a time, and there are 12 special areas for seals with serious injuries.

A visitor photographs a seal.

Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
Record audience at concert

Crowds broke a world record at a performance by Lady Gaga on Rio de Janeiro's Copacabana Beach, making it the highest-attended concert by a female artist in history. About 2.5 million people went to the May 3 "Gagacabana," which was free to attend. The previous record holder was Madonna, whose free show in Rio last year drew 1.6 million concertgoers. Gaga told fans, "Thank you for making history with me."

Fans waiting for the show to start

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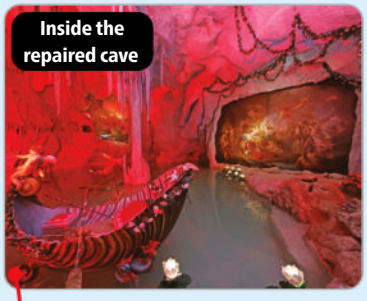

Inside the repaired cave

Bavaria, Germany
Venus Grotto restored

The Venus Grotto, a fake cave built for King Ludwig II of Bavaria in the 1870s, has reopened to visitors after 10 years. The cave was designed to look like a scene from the opera Tannhäuser by Richard Wagner. It has a pool and was fitted with electric lighting. Over time the cave became damaged by water, so it was closed for repairs and restoration.

Bullet trains stopped moving.

Tokyo, Japan
Snake causes train power outage

One of Japan's busiest train lines was brought to a standstill on April 30 after a snake wrapped itself around a power line. The 3-foot-long reptile caused a power outage on the railway, leaving passengers stranded on high-speed bullet trains between the cities of Tokyo and Osaka. Power remained on inside the trains, but passengers had to wait about 90 minutes for service to be restored before they began moving again.

A parade in Ho Chi Minh City

Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam
Anniversary of war's end observed

On April 30, events were held to mark 50 years since the end of the Vietnam War. The war began in 1954 when the country was split into North Vietnam and South Vietnam, whose leaders had opposing political views. The US military intervened in support of South Vietnam, sending 2.6 million troops. This led to huge anti-war protests across the US and the world. North Vietnam won the war in 1975 and reunited the nation under one government.

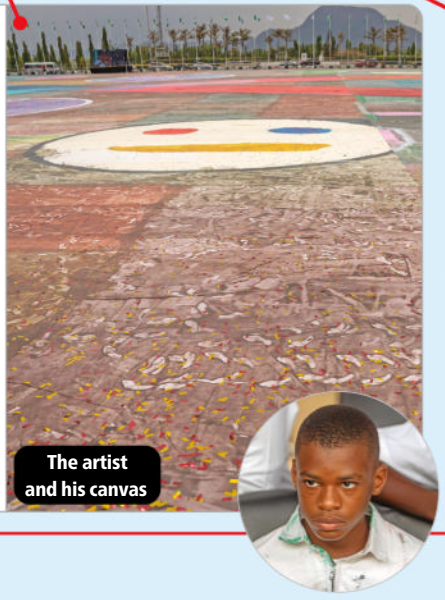
Anthony Albanese

Australia
Leader re-elected in national vote

Australian Prime Minister (PM) Anthony Albanese has been re-elected for a second term after defeating Peter Dutton, head of the Liberal Party, on May 3. Albanese is the first PM in 20 years to win re-election. His Labor Party also increased its majority in the parliament (similar to Congress). Albanese's popularity reached record lows earlier this year, so the victories surprised experts.

Abuja, Nigeria
Teen creates world's largest art canvas

A 15-year-old boy has created the world's largest artwork on canvas. Kanyeyachukwu Tagbo-Okeke, who is autistic, painted Impossibility Is a Myth to raise awareness of autism (a condition caused by differences in the brain). At 133,268 square feet, the painting is larger than two football fields. It features a colorful ribbon, which is a symbol of autism, shaped into an infinity symbol and surrounded by emojis.


The artist and his canvas

Are crew socks better than no-show socks?

When it comes to footwear fashion, some people say not all socks are created equal.

What you need to know

- **Although they can vary in length, crew socks reach at least to your mid-calf. They can be worn pulled up high or scrunched down low.**
- **"No-show" socks are cut very low around or below the ankle. They're designed to be invisible or almost invisible when worn with a shoe.**
- **Clothing brand Hanes reported that sales of taller socks are up 5.9%, while sock company Bombas had a 9% increase in tall sock sales and a 9% decrease in no-show sock sales.**

SOCK IT TO ME
According to Guinness World Records, the longest sock in the world measures about 32 feet and 7 inches long.

According to fashion experts, there's a good-natured battle brewing between Generation Z (people born between 1997 and 2012) and Millennials (people born between 1981 and 1996), and it's all about socks. Should they be high or low, crew or no-show? Gen Z tends to feel crew socks are the only choice when it comes to footwear. Many Millennials, on the other hand, swear by shorter socks, saying crew socks are uncool and uncomfortable. The debate is playing out on social media, where posts and videos about the topic are getting millions of views and comments. What do you think? Are crew socks better than no-show socks?

Yes—it's a sign of the times

No-show socks may not be visible, but that doesn't mean you won't notice them when they slip down past your heel and bunch up inside your shoe. That's uncomfortable and can really ruin your day. No thanks. Besides, crew socks work well in every kind of weather. In the winter they provide warmth, and in the summer they offer protection against sun and insects like ticks and mosquitoes. Crew socks also make a smart style statement. They come in all different fabrics, patterns, and colors, so they can add personality to your look and brighten up any outfit. No-shows can't compete with that.

No—it's just not a good look

Sure, crew socks get attention. But no-show socks can be worn with anything—dresses, pants, sneakers, and shoes—without taking away from your style. Plus, shorter socks can save you a lot of time. Since you don't have to worry about your socks matching the rest of your outfit, you can get dressed faster. And you don't have to spend time changing your socks when you go from one kind of event to another, like from lacrosse practice to your spring band concert. Finally, there's zero chance that crew socks are comfortable in summer. Tall, sweaty socks are gross while no-shows keep you cool and comfortable.

YES Three reasons crew socks are better than no-show socks

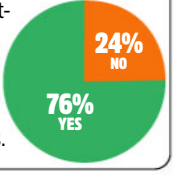
1. **Crew socks are more comfortable and stay in place, rather than bunching up in your shoe and driving you crazy.**
2. **Bigger is better! Crew socks provide more coverage and protection no matter what season it is.**
3. **Crew socks come in an endless array of styles and add pizzazz to any look.**

NO Three reasons crew socks are not better than no-show socks

1. **No-show socks go with any outfit, can be worn with all kinds of shoes, and require minimal thought.**
2. **No-shows save you time because you won't have to waste a single second wondering how they look.**
3. **Crew socks get sweaty! No-show socks keep you cool and comfy in hot weather.**

LAST WEEK'S POLL

Last week, we asked if colleges should have a sports major. Most of you voted in favor of giving student-athletes academic credit for playing sports.



What do you think?

Now that you've read a bit more about this issue, visit kids.theweekjunior.com/polls so you can vote in our debate. Vote YES if you think crew socks are better than no-show socks or NO if you don't. We'll publish the results next week.

The goal of the big debate is to present two sides of an issue fairly in order to stimulate discussion and allow our readers to make up their minds. The views on this page do not reflect those of *The Week Junior*, and the page is not funded by third parties.

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Telling her tall tales

Geena Davis' debut picture book is about embracing your differences.

Award-winning actress and activist Geena Davis, known for her roles in beloved films like *Beetlejuice* (1988) and *A League of Their Own* (1992), has made a career of portraying strong women in stories. Now she has written and illustrated her first children's book, *The Girl Who Was Too Big for the Page*. It follows a young girl who grows so tall her head pokes out of the pages of her storybook and is inspired by Davis' own experience as the tallest girl in her class.

The new book

Growing up in Wareham, Massachusetts, Davis, age 69, was always creative—she made art and sewed her own clothes to fit her tall frame. She went on to earn a drama degree from Boston University and rose to fame in the mid-1980s. She has since appeared in more than 50 films and TV shows. Her impact on Hollywood goes far beyond acting, however. In 2004, she founded the Geena Davis Institute on Gender in Media, which uses research to improve the portrayal of women and girls in entertainment and advocates for more inclusive content.

The Girl Who Was Too Big for the Page draws on the times Davis felt self-conscious about being tall. "It wasn't until I stopped growing at 18 that I was able to relax and embrace it as something wonderful—I can always see the parade," she told *The Week Junior*. But the book is about more than height—it's also for anyone who feels different or out of place. The idea stems from one of Davis' greatest lessons: When that inner voice says you're too much or not enough, she said, respond with, "I'm doing the best I can."

Geena Davis

FUN FACT
Geena Davis tried out for the 2000 US Olympic archery team, placing 24th out of 300 women at nationals.

Athlete on a mission

NFL player Khalen Saunders, age 28, of the New Orleans Saints, is hosting his third annual Camp Binks youth football camp this summer with a special spotlight on the LGBTQ+ community. The camp, which starts on July 5 in Missouri, is being held in partnership with the NFL and GLAAD, an LGBTQ+ rights organization. Saunders, a two-time Super Bowl champion with the Kansas City Chiefs, said the camp's focus was inspired by his brother, Kameron, who is gay. He hopes to make the sport more inclusive. "Football is for all," he said.

Khalen Saunders

Mirko D'Agata

A special pizza honor

Chef Mirko D'Agata took home first place in the Neapolitan category at the 2025 International Pizza Challenge, after eight years of trying. The global competition brings together top pizza makers, and the Neapolitan category is among the most respected for the pizza style's strict rules and techniques, which originated in Naples, Italy, and date back more than 100 years. D'Agata, who grew up in Turin, Italy, moved to Montreal, Canada, in 2012 and is now head chef at Pizzéria No. 900. He is the first person from Canada to win the category. He received a trophy and a $5,000 prize.

OVERHEARD

"I am proud to be a product of public schools and services that work."

Actress Ayo Edebiri, 29, during a visit to her former high school, the Boston Latin School in Massachusetts

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DID YOU KNOW?
Antarctica is considered Earth's largest desert since it receives very little precipitation.

A sea sponge and anemones were among the finds.

Idea to refreeze the Arctic

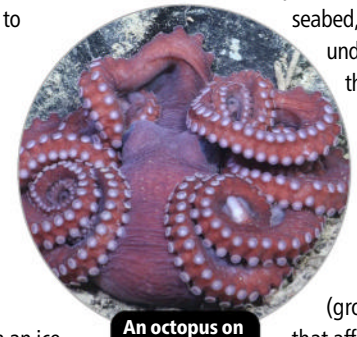
Experts from Purdue University in Indiana believe that modified wood called ice-wood could help reverse the decline of Arctic ice. The researchers turn the top of the wood white so it will reflect sunlight and stay colder than the dark surface of the Arctic Ocean. Water then soaks up through the wood and freezes, creating ice.

Arctic ice

Sea creatures discovered under ice shelf

When an iceberg the size of Chicago broke away from the Antarctic Peninsula, an international team of scientists began investigating what was underneath it. The expedition crew was surprised to uncover a thriving marine community, including never-before-seen species.

Researchers from the Schmidt Ocean Institute were sailing the Bellingshausen Sea near Antarctica on their way to examine local marine life when a nearby iceberg named A-84 broke away from an ice shelf (floating sheet of ice attached to land), revealing a 209-square-mile area of the seafloor that had never been accessible to humans. The team changed course and spent eight days exploring the area using a remote-controlled underwater vehicle.



An octopus on the seafloor

They did not expect to find much on the seabed, since it had been trapped under a giant block of ice. But they found many fascinating creatures living there, including octopuses, anemones, sea sponges, corals, sea spiders, a giant jellyfish, and icefish with milky-white blood.

Deep-sea ecosystems (groups of plants and animals that affect one another) usually rely on nutrients that travel down from the ocean's surface. This area has been covered with ice for a long time, however, and scientists are not sure how it could be so full of life. One theory is that deep ocean currents may have allowed nutrients to flow in underneath the ice shelf. Patricia Esquete, co-leader of the expedition, said, "We didn't expect to find such a beautiful, thriving ecosystem."

The scientists believe that they may have discovered dozens of previously unknown species, including snails, worms, fish, and crustaceans. Although these species may be new to humans, the size of the creatures found in the area—especially the sea sponges, which grow about an inch per year—suggests that they could be hundreds of years old. Moments like this "are part of the excitement of research at sea," said Jyotika Virmani, director of the Schmidt Ocean Institute. "They offer the chance to be the first to witness the untouched beauty of our world."

PLACE OF THE WEEK

Jigme Dorji National Park, Bhutan

Spanning more than 1 million acres in the small country of Bhutan, this park was set up as a wildlife sanctuary in 1974 and became a national park in 1993. Dotted with alpine lakes, Himalayan mountain peaks, hot springs, and other natural features, the park stands out for its unusual plant and animal life. This is the only park where the endangered Bengal tiger and the elusive snow leopard share space. It also provides habitats for Asiatic wild dogs, Himalayan musk deer, yaks, and the country's largest population of the Bhutan takin, an animal similar to goats and antelopes.

A Bengal tiger

HAPPY DANCE
When dogs are happy, they might wiggle, hop, or bounce from side to side.

Experts recommend paying attention to dogs' body language.

Do people understand dogs' moods?

Humans are not very good at recognizing how dogs are feeling, a new study has found. Researchers at Arizona State University recorded videos of a dog in different situations. Some were positive experiences for the dog, such as being offered a treat, and some were negative, such as seeing a scary vacuum cleaner.

The researchers then edited some of the footage to change the context of the dog's behavior. For example, one edited video might show the dog acting happy, but the background now showed a vacuum instead of a treat. The scientists showed people the videos and asked them how happy they thought the dog was.

People watching the exact same canine behavior came to different conclusions. They thought the dog was happy if the context of the video seemed positive, or unhappy if it appeared negative, even when the dog's body language expressed the opposite mood. "People were not judging a dog's emotions based on the dog's behavior but on the situation the dog was in," said researcher Holly Molinaro. To truly understand a pet's mood and create a stronger bond, she said, "focus on your dog's behaviors."

Animal of the week: Cao vit gibbon

Recently, conservationists were excited to spot a baby cao vit gibbon in the forests of Cao Bang, Vietnam. Until 2002, the world's second-rarest ape was thought to be extinct. There are fewer than 75 cao vit gibbons living in the wild.

- **LIFE SPAN:** Unknown, but possibly up to 60 years
- **HABITAT:** Forest on the Vietnam-China border
- **SIZE:** 15 to 23 inches long, weighing 12 pounds
- **DIET:** Bird eggs, flowers, fruit, insects, and leaves
- **FUN FACT:** Like the cuckoo bird, the cao vit gibbon is named after the sound of its call.

Good week / Bad week

American oystercatchers

These red-billed birds that live in coastal areas have made a significant recovery thanks to 15 years of conservation efforts by about 40 nonprofit groups and government agencies. The bird's population has risen by about 45% since 2008.

Honeybees

A record number of honeybees have died in the US recently, according to a large survey. Professional beekeepers said they lost more than 60% of their honeybee colonies during the winter. Experts are trying to find out why.

Ask an expert: "Why do porcupines have spiky backs?" Claire, 8, Illinois

Mark Wanner
Animal care expert,
Brookfield Zoo Chicago

Porcupine quills are modified hairs that protect them from predators. North American porcupines have barbed quills that are hard to pull out if poked, causing pain to those who mess with our spiky friends. An African Cape porcupine's large quills have no barbs, but they are very sharp.

A North American porcupine

Do you have a question for an animal expert? Send it to hello@theweekjunior.com.
Find out more about Brookfield Zoo Chicago at brookfieldzoo.org.

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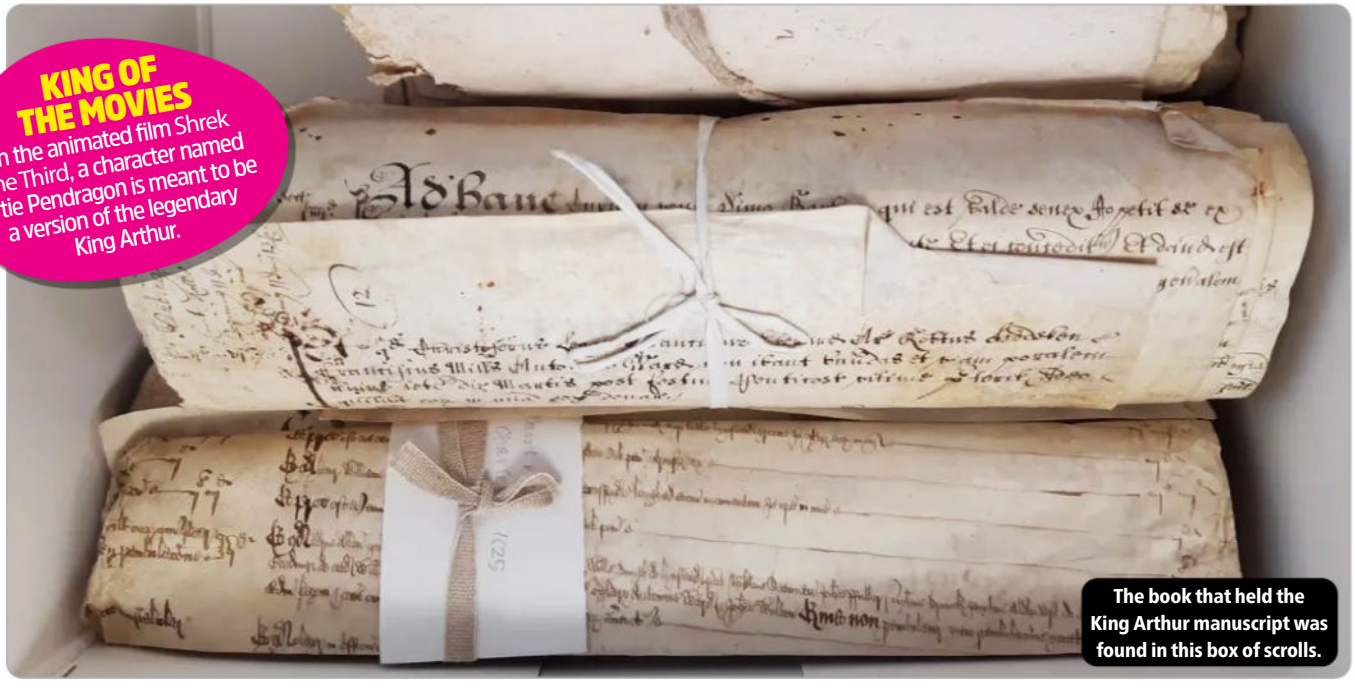
KING OF THE MOVIES
In the animated film Shrek the Third, a character named Artie Pendragon is meant to be a version of the legendary King Arthur.



The book that held the King Arthur manuscript was found in this box of scrolls.

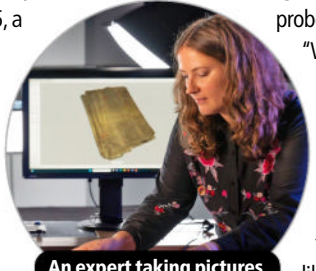
Hidden tale of King Arthur is revealed

Researchers examining a book of property records from the 1500s found a surprise stitched into its binding: fragments of a handwritten medieval manuscript that's about 800 years old. The manuscript recounted a tale of the mythical King Arthur and the wizard Merlin.

Stories of King Arthur's royal court were popular among wealthy people in England at the time, and manuscripts were copied by hand. Between the years 1275 and 1315, a scribe (person who copied text by hand) wrote out a story called *Suite Vulgate du Merlin* that includes noble knights, battles, and fire-breathing dragons.

That copy made its way to a family at a manor house, where it remained until the 1500s, when someone used its pages as a cover for a household ledger. In the 1970s, the ledger ended up in the University of Cambridge's library, where it sat on a shelf for many years.

In 2019, researchers spotted the torn, folded fragments of the manuscript in the ledger's binding. They wanted to take a closer look, but the pages were too fragile to be taken apart without damaging them. Instead, experts turned to high-tech scanners and lighting to digitally pull apart the parchment's layers.



An expert taking pictures of the manuscript

The team used a multispectral camera, which has different wavelengths of light, including ultraviolet and infrared, to capture details in the manuscript that otherwise can't be seen. Cambridge's zoology department provided a CT scanner usually used to examine fossils.

Still, there were parts of the manuscript that were hidden under folds or stitching in the binding. To access those, the team used tiny probes, mirrors, magnets, and prisms. "We really needed to go into the nooks and crannies of this object," said Irène Fabry-Tehranchi, who led the project.

Once they had captured hundreds of scans and images, the team pieced them together like a jigsaw puzzle. The result is a digital 3D model that reveals nearly all the handwritten text. The model can be viewed at tinyurl.com/TWJUS-KingArthur.

There are fewer than 40 surviving copies of *Suite Vulgate du Merlin*, and each is slightly different because they were written by hand. The team hopes their work will help other experts discover the secrets hidden in old documents. "This project was not just about unlocking one text—it was about developing a methodology that can be used for other manuscripts," Fabry-Tehranchi said.

Who was King Arthur?

King Arthur was a mythical British king who lived in a castle called Camelot and led a group of men called the Knights of the Round Table. According to legend, Arthur became king when he pulled a sword called Excalibur from a stone, where it had been embedded for many years. Arthur was said to be a brave and noble leader who fought dragons, giants, and witches and presided over a time of prosperity in England.

The character of King Arthur first appeared in poetry in the 500s and early 600s. Many famous poems, books, and movies have been created about Arthur and others in his court, including Queen Guinevere, knights named Lancelot and Gawain, and the wizard Merlin. For many years, historians have debated whether Arthur was based on a real historical figure, but there has been no clear evidence.

Using math to study how crowds move

Sometimes when you walk through a crowd, people move in an orderly line. But other times, people are all over the place and you have to zigzag in order to dodge them. In a new study, researchers determined the point at which crowds naturally go from orderly to disorganized.

Mathematicians at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology created computer simulations of people moving at different angles across spaces of varying widths. They also conducted an experiment with volunteers walking across a gym from different points.

The team found that crowd movement was determined by a measurement called "angular spread," which calculates the number of people walking in different directions. Angular spread can change depending on whether people are walking in a narrow space, like a corridor, or moving through a wide open space, like a plaza.

Once a crowd's angular spread reaches 13 degrees or higher, orderly pedestrians can spontaneously make a transition into a disorganized crowd. Groups with an angular spread of 13 degrees or less, however, continue moving in lanes. The team also found that people moving in disorderly crowds had to walk slower than people moving in orderly lanes in order to avoid bumping into others.

The findings could lead to designs for public spaces that allow for more efficient movement, the scientists said.

WOW! An intersection in Tokyo, Japan—called the Shibuya Crossing—is the busiest in the world, with 100,000 people passing through every hour.

Pedestrians naturally walk in certain patterns.

Bananas are often tossed when they turn brown.

Scientists create "super bananas"

A recent study by the grocery chain Aldi found that people throw away an average of nine pieces of fruit and vegetables a week—and bananas are most likely to be tossed. To help reduce this waste, scientists have developed a banana that turns brown more slowly than usual.

Bananas contain a chemical called polyphenol oxidase (PPO) that causes them to change color. This chemical is created by a gene (chemical that contains instructions for how a living thing develops and grows). The team of scientists used a technique called "gene silencing" to silence—or turn off—that gene, so the bananas had less PPO and the browning process was slowed down.

Nicknamed "super bananas," the altered fruit has the same taste, scent, and level of sweetness as regular bananas. However, they stay fresh after being peeled for up to 12 hours. They have been approved to be sold in the US and Canada.

AMAZING INVENTION

A phone that limits distractions

The Light Phone III

A new phone can help people who want to cut back on screen time. While regular smartphones offer colorful displays and access to an endless number of apps, the Light Phone III is simpler. It has a black-and-white screen and a few basic tools built in, including messaging, phone, calendar, camera, and music player.

The designers of the Light Phone III said it will never have email, ads, social media, or internet browsing. It's made of sturdy metal so it won't need to be replaced as frequently as other smartphones.

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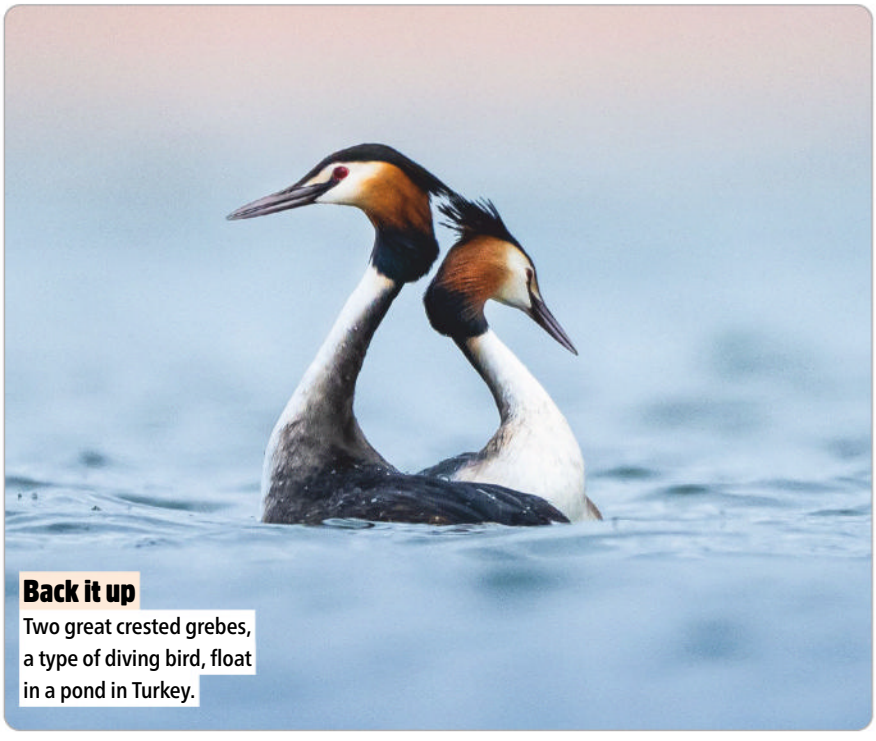

Back it up
Two great crested grebes, a type of diving bird, float in a pond in Turkey.

Making a splash
Swimmer Kerrie Hennie races in the 400 meters at the British Swimming Championships.

Colorful tradition
Children in tiger-themed costumes participate in a New Year's parade in India.

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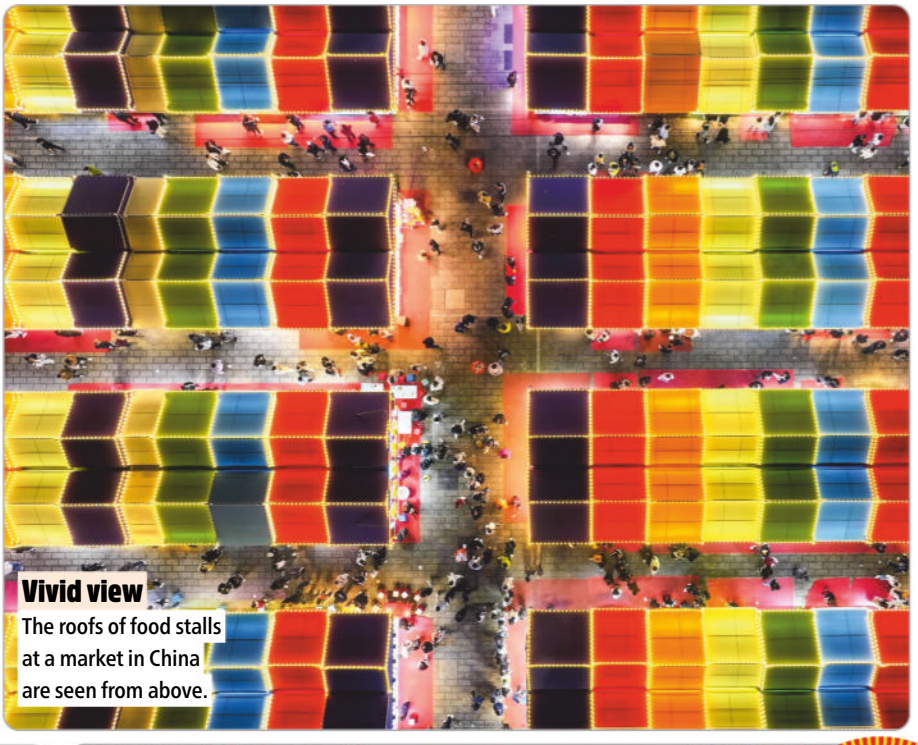
Photos of the week



Vivid view
The roofs of food stalls at a market in China are seen from above.

Blending in
A dog sits in rows of flowers at the Tulleys Tulip Festival in the UK.

READER PHOTO

Seeing green
This close-up of a lizard was taken by Joshua, 10, of Florida.

SUPER SCORER
The top scorer in the PWHL this season was Marie-Philip Poulin of the Montreal Victoire, who had 19 goals in 30 games.

The Minnesota Frost on May 3

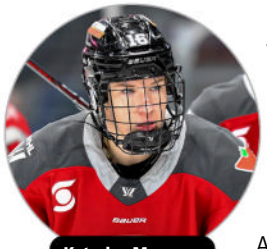
Championship rings

On April 27, the PWHL's 2024 Walter Cup winners, Minnesota (now named the Minnesota Frost), received their championship rings. They are sterling silver, inscribed with a team mantra, and have 74 diamonds, one for each goal they scored during the season.

Big end to PWHL regular season

On May 3, the PWHL (Professional Women's Hockey League) ended its 2024–25 regular season with high-stakes action. Now four of the league's six teams have moved on to compete in the Walter Cup playoffs. The Minnesota Frost are the defending Walter Cup champions and will be vying for another title.

The PWHL is currently in its second season and has been a major success. One highlight was the Takeover Tour, which brought league games to North American cities that do not have PWHL teams of their own. It attracted a total of 123,601 fans over nine games. The tour stop that drew the biggest crowd was Vancouver, Canada, and the PWHL announced on April 23 it will add a Vancouver team for the 2025–26 season. One week later, the PWHL said Seattle, Washington, will also get a team. Two more will join in the 2026–27 season.


Katerina Mrazova

On March 26, the Montreal Victoire became the first team to secure a spot in the playoffs. They eventually finished the season in first place with 53 points (earned through wins as well as overtime appearances and shootouts). On April 27, the Toronto Sceptres clinched another playoff berth, one day after the New York Sirens were eliminated from contention. The PWHL had three games on May 3, and the results determined not only which of the three remaining teams would earn the final two postseason spots but also how all four playoff teams would be seeded (ranked).

The Boston Fleet entered their final game needing one point to make the playoffs. Minnesota and the Ottawa Charge trailed them by three points. Boston ended up losing to Minnesota, 8–1, while Ottawa beat Toronto, 2–1, in overtime. Ottawa forward Katerina Mrazova scored the winning goal. As a result, Ottawa, Minnesota, and Boston all finished with 44 points. Because of tie-breaking factors, Ottawa and Minnesota were the two teams to advance.

In the PWHL, the first-place team can choose to play the third- or fourth-place team in the Walter Cup semifinals. Montreal chose to play Ottawa, the third seed, so Toronto will play Minnesota. The best-of-five series was set to begin on May 7.

THIS WEEK'S WINNERS...

CLUB SOCCER

In England's Women's Super League, Chelsea defeated Manchester United, 1–0, on April 30 to win its sixth straight league title and eighth overall, which is more than any other club. Lucy Bronze scored the goal for Chelsea in the win. Meanwhile, in Germany's Bundesliga, a top men's league, Bayern Munich clinched the league title on May 4. The team now has 33 Bundesliga titles, by far the most of any club.

Bayern Munich players

SWIMMING

American star Katie Ledecky, age 28, broke her own world record in the 800-meter freestyle at the Tyr Pro Swim Series in Florida on May 3. She had set the record at the 2016 Rio Olympics when she was 19.

NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE

The Winnipeg Jets made the second round of the playoffs by beating the St. Louis Blues, 4–3, in the second overtime of a must-win Game 7 on May 4. Adam Lowry scored the game-winning goal.

Left to right: Stephen Curry, Jalen Brunson, and Jrue Holiday

NBA player awards announced

The second round of the NBA (National Basketball Association) playoffs started on May 4. As the first round was wrapping up, the league announced the winners of major awards that honor players in areas that include performance, character, and impact throughout the season.

The Defensive Player of the Year was Evan Mobley of the Cleveland Cavaliers, the top team in the Eastern Conference. Jrue Holiday of the Boston Celtics won the NBA Sportsmanship Award, and his teammate Payton Pritchard was named Sixth Man of the Year. That honor goes to an important player who is usually not in his team's starting five.

The NBA's Rookie of the Year was Stephon Castle of the San Antonio Spurs. He had 14.7 points per game, the most of all rookies this season. The Most Improved Player award went to Dyson Daniels of the Atlanta Hawks. He increased his scoring average by 8.3 points per game compared to last season, his second in the NBA. This season, he led the league in steals per game.

The Clutch Player of the Year is someone who comes through for his team at the end of close games. That award went to New York Knicks star Jalen Brunson. The following week, he hit a three-pointer in the final seconds of a game against the Detroit Pistons, advancing the Knicks to the playoffs' second round.

Stephen Curry of the Golden State Warriors was named Teammate of the Year for his leadership and dedication on and off the court. Days later, he helped his team, ranked seventh in the Western Conference, eliminate the second-ranked Houston Rockets in Game 7 of their first-round series.

COACH OF THE WEEK

Coach's Name: **Katie Sheridan**

School: **Whitman Elementary**

"Coach Katie is very nice. She creates fun games, like noodle tag. The tagger is a remote-controlled monster car with noodles taped to it. PE is always cool with her as a teacher. For the warmup, she has us roll a giant die to decide what we'll do. Also, if a student gets hurt, she makes sure they can get to the nurse or take a break. I am very happy to have Coach Katie as my coach." Olive, 11, Oregon

To nominate a Coach of the Week, send your coach's name, photo, sport, and team to *hello@theweekjunior.com.* Include your name, age, state, and a few reasons why your coach is great.

SPOTLIGHT ON...

Josh Hoey

AGE: 25 SPORT: TRACK AND FIELD
TEAM: INDIVIDUAL/USA TRACK AND FIELD

Fast family Both of my parents competed in track and field in college. They didn't really want to enter me into track too young because of the risk of burning out. So growing up, I did a lot of different sports, mostly basketball, swimming, and baseball. In seventh grade, I started running track and field competitively. I was good, and that made me excited about it.

Quick rise I fell in love with cross country in high school. My senior year, I set the national indoor high school record for the 800 meters. I got the opportunity to go professional out of high school, and I took it immediately.

Fit trio I train with my brothers, Jaxson and Jonah, every day. They're my biggest inspiration, support, and motivation. I run about 60 to 65 miles a week.

Clear focus On the starting line, I empty my mind of expectations or anticipation. Once I hear the starting gun, I let my muscle memory take over.

Bumpy road Over the past couple of years, I faced a lot of difficulties, had poor race results by pro standards, and didn't think I'd continue running. But I got a new coach, turned things around, and won the World Indoor Championships in March—my biggest accomplishment. People have said I helped them feel more inspired to continue pursuing their dreams. To me, that's what it's all about.

Big payoff I really like how you can see yourself improve in running—it's the most motivating thing. You need discipline and mental resilience, and you can take those into a lot of aspects of life, too. Running transforms you into a better person.

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FUN FACT
The Frick mansion was built with a basement bowling alley that is still there but not accessible to the public.

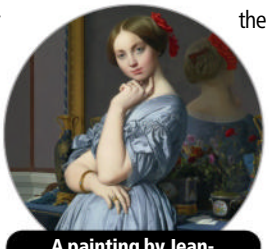
Inside the Frick Collection

Famous art museum reopens

After major renovations, the historic Frick Collection in New York City is once again welcoming visitors.

Five years ago, the Frick Collection, an art museum in New York City, closed to renovate and expand its home, a historic former mansion built in 1914. Last month, it finally reopened, welcoming visitors ages 10 and older.

Businessman and art collector Henry Clay Frick founded the museum in 1935. It was designed to showcase his renowned collection of European art, including pieces from the Italian Renaissance (the 1300s to 1600s). Today, there are around 1,800 pieces in the museum's collection, including paintings, sculptures, decorative arts, and furniture. Artwork is spread throughout the rooms of the building, which has 27,000 square feet of new space. For the first time, the mansion's second floor, where the Frick family lived, is open to the public.


A painting by Jean-Auguste-Dominique Ingres

Two major exhibitions kicked off the reopening. *Porcelain Garden* has lifelike floral sculptures by Ukrainian artist Vladimir Kanevsky. They pay tribute to the fresh flower arrangements that filled the Frick when it first opened in 1935. *Highlights of Drawings* presents rarely seen works on paper from the Frick's permanent collection, including pieces by famous 19th-century French artist Edgar Degas.

In addition to expanding the museum's gallery space, there is now a state-of-the-art conservation lab, a large auditorium, and research spaces. The museum also offers gallery talks, art-making sessions, and online school visits, making it more accessible to younger people.

April Kim Tonin, head of the Frick Education Department, told *The Week Junior* that the museum's goal is to create a lasting educational experience. "For curious kids, this is a great place," she said. "You just have to keep coming back, because you'll keep discovering more."

3 facts about the Frick

Founder

Henry Clay Frick (right) lived from 1849 to 1919 and made his fortune in the steel industry. He was one of the wealthiest men of his time and used his money to build an art collection and support charities.

Related location

The Frick Pittsburgh, a museum and historic site in Pennsylvania, was established in 1990 by Henry Frick's daughter, Helen. It includes the Clayton mansion (below) where the family once lived, a car and carriage museum, and an art museum.

Tie to pop culture

Marvel Comics co-creator Stan Lee was inspired by the Frick mansion in New York City when he created the headquarters for the Avengers (right). They are both located on Fifth Avenue.

HAPPY HOME
Walt Disney had an apartment above the Town Square Fire Station at Disneyland.

Disneyland characters

Disneyland celebrates 70 years

A big celebration is about to begin at Disneyland Resort in Anaheim, California. The popular destination, which opened as Disneyland in 1955, will turn 70 years old on July 17. This month, in honor of the milestone, the resort—which includes Disney California Adventure Park—will start rolling out updates to attractions, adding new shows, an art exhibit, and other special features. The festivities will run through summer 2026.

There are 12 Disney theme parks around the world, but Disneyland was the first. It was built by Walt Disney, the creator of Mickey Mouse and a famous TV and film producer. One of his goals was to have visitors feel as if they were in the worlds they saw in his films.

Walt Disney

As of May 9, visitors will see changes to the famous "It's a Small World" attraction, a boat ride that winds through areas representing different countries. Now characters from the film *Coco* appear in the Mexico portion. In July, a new verse will be added to the ride's classic song.

This summer, the show *Walt Disney—a Magical Life* will debut at Disneyland's Main Street Opera House. It stars a lifelike audio-animatronic (robotic figure) of the park's founder. At night, park guests will be able to see a new parade at Disneyland that has more than 1 million LED lights, and a World of Color Happiness! show at Disney California Adventure Park hosted by *Inside Out* characters.

Disneyland is also getting an anniversary theme song. "Celebrate Happy," performed by pop stars the Jonas Brothers, will play at the parks and also be available on streaming platforms starting May 13. The title reflects the park's longtime nickname, "The Happiest Place on Earth."

READER RECOMMENDS

Amphibia (Disney+)
"In this show, teen Anne Boonchuy opens a mysterious music box and is transported to Amphibia, a world full of talking frogs, toads, and giant insects. At first many of them think Anne is a monster, but after a few months, they start to respect her and she becomes friends with the frogs, especially one named Sprig. Anne goes on lots of adventures, and the series has plenty of plot twists, including one involving Anne's best friend from back home. I love this show so much that after I watched it, I even made a book about it!" Ellie, 9, California

Do you have a film or TV show to recommend to other kids? Send your review to hello@theweekjunior.com.

THIS WEEK'S WATCH LIST

Bugs That Rule the World
(PBS App) (PBS.com)
Using special cameras that can zoom in on tiny subjects, this new four-part documentary offers a close look at insects in nature and their extraordinary behaviors. Among the topics covered are the hunting skills of mantises, the diversity of beetles, and the roles of pollinators.

Light & Magic
(Disney+)
In a new season of this series, artists, technicians, and engineers from Industrial Light & Magic, the company that creates visual effects for *Star Wars* and Marvel films, discuss historic moments, such as making the first computer-generated character. It is rated TV-14 for language.

Nonnas
(Netflix)
This new film is a heartwarming comedy based on a true story. It follows a grieving man who opens an Italian restaurant and hires four *nonnas* (Italian for "grandmothers") to be the chefs. They must learn to get along so the restaurant can be a success.

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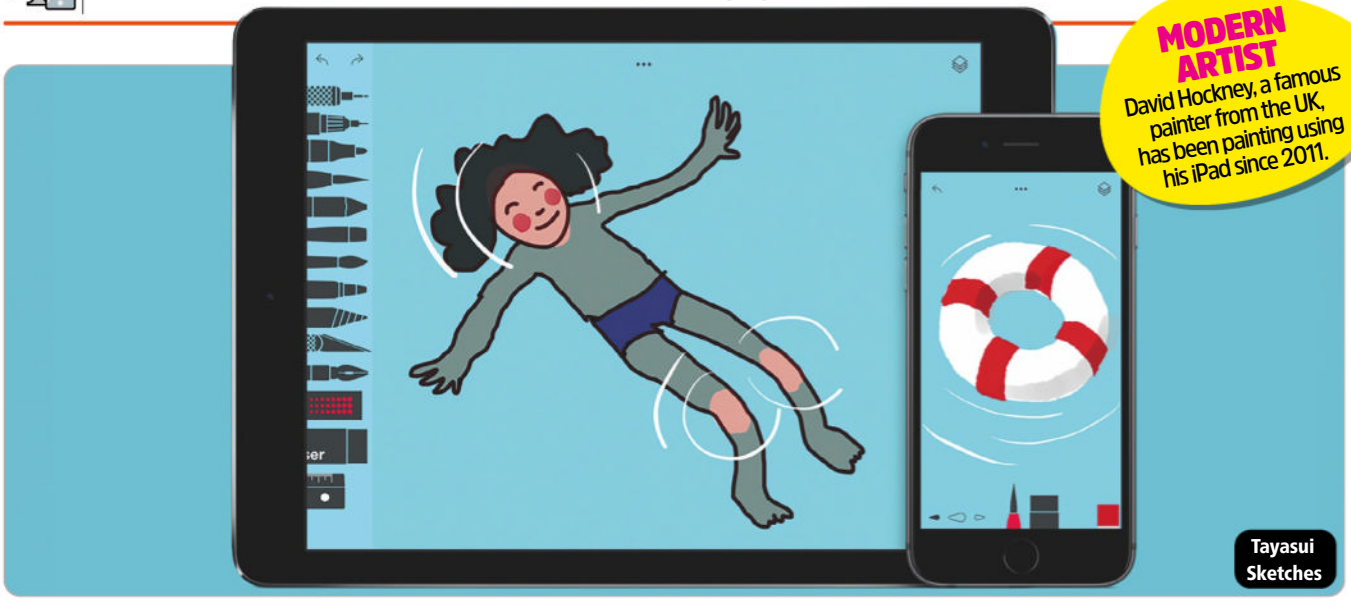


MODERN ARTIST
David Hockney, a famous painter from the UK, has been painting using his iPad since 2011.

Get creative using fun art apps

A blank sheet of paper and some imagination can be a great starting point to create paintings, drawings, or collages. Many art apps let you do the same thing, but you just begin with a blank screen instead.

Tayasui Sketches School is one of the best examples. The app was designed for young people to use easily, getting rid of some of the more complicated features in apps that professional artists use. Its virtual tools include a pencil, a felt pen, and brushes for oil pastels or watercolor paints. The app is free, but an optional subscription can be purchased to unlock more features. Tayasui Sketches School is only on Apple devices, but the original **Tayasui Sketches** app, made for all ages, is available on Android.

Simply Draw guides you.

Infinite Painter and **Sketchbook** are other good apps that work on Apple and Android devices. They have a lot of elements for experienced artists, but with a bit of experimenting, even beginners can learn them. They are free to use with their basic features, and in-app purchases can unlock all their tools. With **Magic Doodle: Glow Art Drawing**, meanwhile, you can finger-paint on the screen of an Apple or Android phone and the app will turn your work into glowing neon designs.

Virtual art-making apps aren't meant to replace actual painting and drawing, but they are a fun alternative. If you want to use an app to help with real-life artwork, **Simply Draw** for Apple devices gives you step-by-step lessons. It includes ideas for animals, plants, people, and other subjects.

PODCAST OF THE WEEK

GLOBAL GUARDIANS

Major podcast platforms

This new show is hosted by a wildlife biologist and a nature cinematographer (person who directs photography). Episodes features behind-the-scenes stories from their own careers as well as chats with scientists about animals, wildlife filmmaking, and conservation.

GAME OF THE WEEK

PING PONG SQUAD

Apple App Store, Google Play

Play virtual table tennis and hone your skills with this mobile game. There are 10 arena options, and you can choose to compete against opponents with different playing styles, such as defenders or attackers. You use on-screen buttons to make your serves, backspins, and other moves.

CHANNEL OF THE WEEK

OPERATION OUCH

youtube.com/@OperationOuch

Identical twin doctors Chris and Xand van Tulleken create videos for their channel that help kids understand the medical world and learn how the human body works. Topics covered include how surgeons are trained using dummies and what happens when you get food poisoning.

TAYASUI; SIMPLY LTD; BRAVE WILDERNESS; METEORIK; GETTY IMAGES

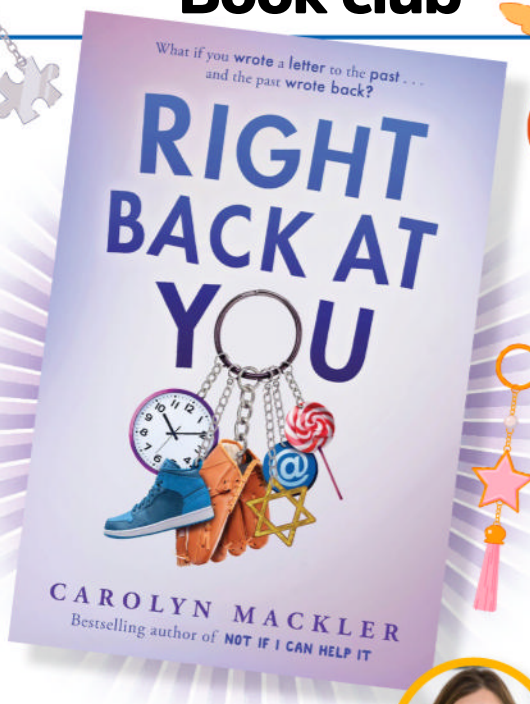
BOOK OF THE WEEK

Right Back at You

By Carolyn Mackler

(Scholastic Press)

When Mason receives an assignment to write a letter to anyone, he chooses Albert Einstein. Einstein was a scientist who lived from 1879 to 1955 and paved the way for the discovery of black holes. Mason confesses in his letter to Einstein that he feels like the human equivalent of a black hole. His dad recently moved from their home in New York City to Atlanta, and a bully at school has been extra mean to him. Mason tosses the letter he wrote to Einstein in his closet, not planning to share it with anyone. The next day, the letter is replaced with a letter from Talia, a girl from Pennsylvania who lives in 1987. She thinks Mason is pranking her and doesn't understand what terms like "Google" and "Amazon" mean. After exchanging more letters, Mason and Talia realize they each have wormholes in their closet that allow their letters to travel through time to each other. They continue their correspondence, sharing their frustrations about classmates, family, and, in Talia's case, prejudice. As the weeks go by, their lives start to improve. Will they get to meet each other? This science fiction novel is written exclusively in letters and has a twisty, satisfying conclusion.



ASK THE AUTHOR

Carolyn Mackler

We spoke to the author of the Book of the Week.

Why did you write the story through letters?
I love letters. I love emails. I love text messages. I wanted the characters to have a relationship through words that would create a lasting friendship.

Who in history would you like to write to?
I would like to correspond with Susan B. Anthony or Elizabeth Cady Stanton, who both fought for the passage of the 19th Amendment that gave women the right to vote.

What do you hope readers take away from this book?
I hope children see the value in making connections with other people, even if they seem different from them.

Are the characters based on anyone you know?
No, all my characters come from my imagination.

What do you enjoy doing in your spare time?
I get so excited to travel—to see new places, eat new foods, and meet new people.

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READER RECOMMENDS

Montgomery Bonbon: Murder at the Museum

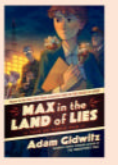
By Alasdair Beckett-King, illustrated by Claire Powell

"This book follows 10-year-old Bonnie Montgomery, who has a secret that nobody knows—she is the world's greatest detective! When she visits the Hornville Museum, a staff member named Oliver Munday, who is also a choir singer, is murdered. Now it's up to Montgomery to find the killer." Camilla, 7, Massachusetts

Do you have a book to recommend? Send your review to *hello@theweekjunior.com*.

4 new books that are part of a series

Get ready to enjoy another great story featuring your favorite characters.



Max in the Land of Lies

By Adam Gidwitz

(Dutton Books for Young Readers)

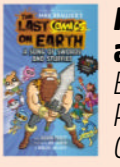
The Operation Kinderspion series continues when Max, now a British spy, is about to embark on a mission in Germany. He is also desperate to find his missing parents. This fast-paced historical fiction series, set during World War II, weaves humor into serious situations. *Ages 9–12*

Penny Draws a Team Sport

By Sara Shepard

(G.P. Putnam's Sons Books for Young Readers)

In the fifth book in the illustrated Penny Draws series, Penny has a pickleball dilemma. She wants to play in her school's tournament for charity, but she worries she'll let down her teammates. The stakes get higher when a TV station arrives to cover the action. *Ages 8–12*



A Song of Swords and Stuffies

By Max Brallier and Joshua Pruett, illustrated by Jay Cooper and Douglas Holgate

(Viking Books for Young Readers)

The third installment in The Last Comics on Earth graphic novel spin-off may be the funniest yet. The kid comic creators have a fierce competitor, so they're determined to make their next story even more epic. *Ages 8–12*

Stuck

By Kayla Miller

(Clarion Books)

Olive returns to summer camp in the seventh book in the Click graphic novel series. She feels stuck in the middle between her two friends who can't stop squabbling with each other. Their disagreements are holding her back from what she really wants to do at camp. Will her friends make up? *Ages 8–12*

Spread KINDNESS

Junior Council members share how kids can make our world a better place.

When the 12 members of *The Week Junior*'s Junior Council began meeting for the Spring 2025 session, they decided they wanted to use their voices to raise awareness of the importance of being kind—to people, animals, and the planet. They came up with specific ideas, conducted research on the topics, and wrote their stories. We hope their work inspires you to put kindness into practice too! If you do, write to us about it at *hello@theweekjunior.com*.

KNOW ABOUT THE MANY BENEFITS OF BEING KIND

By Seraphina, 10, New York

Offering a compliment or holding the door for the person behind you isn't just polite. Research suggests kindness can improve your physical and mental health. "Kind acts boost your mood, improve sleep, and even make us more patient," says Dr. Kelli Harding, author of *The Rabbit Effect*, a book about the benefits of kindness. Kindness also keeps you healthy in these ways.

Less stress. Doing good deeds for others can decrease the amount of a stress hormone called cortisol, helping you maintain heart health throughout your life. We also get an immunity boost to help fight off illness, Dr. Harding says.

Faster healing. When we perform or receive an act of kindness, our bodies release a feel-good hormone called oxytocin, which also promotes healing. Researchers at The Ohio State University found that when people experienced kindness, their wounds healed faster.

Social connection. Feeling lonely can increase the risk of depression, anxiety, and low self-esteem, while also contributing to physical health problems. When you reach out to someone, both of you will feel less lonely. You can make someone feel less alone just by saying hello or offering a sincere compliment. With an adult's permission, you can also make "kindness rocks" with positive messages and leave them in public places for others to find.

RECOGNIZE PEOPLE IN YOUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY

By Zina, 9, Massachusetts

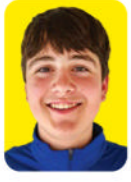
School communities are made up of students, faculty, and many other people with important roles. These include crossing guards, custodians, lunch aides, secretaries, and school nurses. Treating everyone kindly is part of having a secure, welcoming school community.

A crossing guard who works by my school, Emma, took the job to help kids cross streets without worry, even though she has to go to work in the rain or cold. However, some drivers ignore her instructions. "When people are respectful to me and my stop sign, it helps them and their families stay safe," Emma says.

Another way to show kindness to the people who work at and around your school is to think about your actions. Making people's jobs easier to do is one simple way to show respect. For example, rather than ignoring trash and leaving it for a custodian to clean up, it is easy to throw it in a garbage can. It's also not hard to say "please" and "thank you" to the people you encounter each day.

Emma, the crossing guard, said it brightens her day to hear kids and parents say "hello" or "good morning." On her first day of work, a family surprised her with flowers. You can help spread kindness in your school community with thoughtful gestures like this too. You could also write people in your community a note of appreciation for all they do.

RESPECT LEARNING DIFFERENCES



By William, 13, Massachusetts

Most learning disabilities, including mine, are invisible, which means they're not obvious when people meet me. I have nonverbal learning disorder (NVLD)—my verbal skills are strong, but I process written information more slowly. I get frustrated when kids and adults are impatient if I don't understand something.

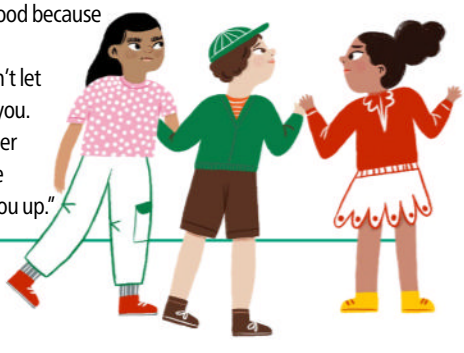
I talked to Maura McNamara, executive director of the Neurodiversity Center for Excellence at Curry College, to learn how kids can support friends who have learning differences.

Be curious, not critical. We may act or do something in a different way, and that's OK. "Instead of judgment, see someone in a positive light and see what they bring to the world," says McNamara.

Notice our strengths. We all want to be valued for what we can do, not what we can't. Music is my passion, but learning to create my own music in Logic Pro has been challenging because of all the steps to create the right sound. My music teacher makes me feel good because he loves hearing my questions and learning how I think.

Include us. People with differences can feel excluded. Don't let them stay on the sidelines—ask them if they want to join you.

Be good to you. If you have a learning disability, remember to be kind to yourself. "Try to make the world a better place for you," advises McNamara. "Find the people who bring you up."



WRITE ABOUT POSITIVE STORIES

By Margot, 11, Wisconsin

I wanted to contribute to a more happy, kind school community, so I asked friends to help me start a school newspaper to help spread stories that include good news. Alexandra Gray, who studies social emotions at Northeastern University, notes that sharing uplifting news has benefits. "It creates a cycle of positive interactions between people," she says, and the impact grows. My friends and I took these steps to start a paper.

Enlist supportive adults. We approached our homeroom teacher, who liked our idea to launch a newspaper and directed us to our principal. My friends and I made a slideshow to present our plan to our principal, who was very excited and approved it right away.

Recruit classmates. Working on a project together is a great way to build new friendships and strengthen the ones you already have, says Gray. We put up posters to recruit anyone who might be interested in being part of the newspaper staff.

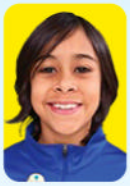
Explore your options. There are lots of ways to publish a newspaper. It can be printed, posted online, or sent as an email.

Choose your content. We have monthly highlights, puzzles, book recommendations, and a student poll. We also have a "buddy blast," where we feature the fun activities students are doing together.

Tap everyone's talents. Some people like to design the layout. Others want to write articles. We support one another so everyone gets to do most of what they want to do.

Communicate. Make a plan so everyone can ask questions and have input, and set a deadline so final drafts can be reviewed and ready to publish.

HELP ANIMALS FIND A GOOD HOME



By Kiran, 10, California

Every summer, I go to a camp at my local animal shelter, where I learn different ways to help animals in need. An animal shelter provides housing for animals who are lost, abandoned, or surrendered (given up by their owners). Each year, more than 6 million cats and dogs enter animal shelters nationwide and need to be cared for before they are returned home or adopted. "We want to see a more empathetic and kind world," says Ana Bustilloz of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, Los Angeles (SPCALA). "Caring for animals fosters empathy and kindness in the world." Adults and kids can team up to help in several ways.

Contact your local animal shelter. Ask what opportunities it has for families and children to support its work. You may be able to assist with feeding, walking, training, and socializing cats and dogs.

Make posters. At my camp, we made posters for adoptable pets that staff displayed to help visitors learn about the animals. You could share a similar poster with your friends, family, or youth group. You could also ask the shelter if you could make "How To" posters to advertise the ways kids and families can get involved.

Meet different needs. There's tons of laundry in a shelter, as well as office tasks like filing and putting together informational folders about pet adoption. When volunteers do these tasks, shelter staff have more time to take care of the animals' needs.

Gather supplies. Ask the staff about the shelter's needs, like collecting pet food, blankets, and toys. You can organize a small drive with a few families or something bigger with your school or a scout troop. Let people know where and when to bring the items.

Identify and share learning opportunities. Look into educational programs like summer camp and find out whether you can participate in staffing an outreach booth with an adult at a community event.

HOLD A BAKE SALE FUNDRAISER

By Malaika, 13, Virginia

At my school, we hold bake sales as fundraisers. We have donated profits to causes, like supporting a children's hospital. Here are tips I learned from running a sale.

Select a cause. You may already have a charity in mind, or you can ask an adult to help you find one.

Pick a date. Ask a teacher to help you coordinate permission to set up a day and time.

Get the word out. "Planning a bake sale involves organizing a team of volunteers, assigning responsibilities, setting a date and location, promoting the event by making flyers, and sending communication home to parents," said Kanwal Shahzadi, a teacher at Washington International Academy in Virginia.

Bake treats. Next, ask friends and family members to help bake batches of treats, make flyers and posters, set up, sell items, and clean up. My class created a sign-up sheet, and we suggested that people bake items like cookies, brownies, and muffins. Ask people who bake to bring the ingredients list for their contribution because people may ask allergy-related questions.

Design a flyer. Include the date, time, and location of your sale, along with the fundraising cause. You can make flyers by hand or try using a digital app like Canva.

Set up! The week of the sale, check the weather to see if you need to move your location. When you set up, use a tablecloth to make your sales area look nicer. Organize the ingredients lists in a binder or staple them together.

Make labels for each treat. Include the name and a list of any dietary concerns, like peanuts or peanut butter, tree nuts, dairy, and gelatin. Finally, add the price. For small treats, you might charge $1 or $2. Make sure you bring enough change in cash and coins and plan to clean up well afterward. Also, don't forget to have fun!

ILLUSTRATIONS BY LORENA BAYONA

MAKE NEW STUDENTS FEEL WELCOME

By Annabelle, 10, Mississippi

When I was 6, my family moved to a new town, close to the Air Force base where my dad works. I worried about what to expect at a new school. Luckily, because my school has many military-affiliated students, it has adopted a student-service program called Anchored for Life. It helped me make the transition to the school, and now I'm a member who helps new kids. Consider these ideas for including new students at your school.

Be a buddy. Join or start a buddy program. "A buddy helps new students feel welcome," says Erica Lewis, the Anchored for Life facilitator at my school. "It gives them someone they can go to with questions, like 'How do we line up for the bathroom?' or 'Where do we sit at lunch?'"

Share school spirit. When I was new, I didn't have any spirit wear, so my first week, my mom handmade a T-shirt for me to wear on Friday—the day all the classrooms compete to wear the most spirit attire. The next week, a neighbor gifted me a few school shirts, which made me feel included. Ask a teacher about setting up a spirit booth or donation closet for new students.

Host a meet-and-greet. Collaborate with a teacher and other students to set up a welcome table at the fall open house or after winter break. Make welcome kits, with a map of the school and info about special traditions for new families, and sign new kids up for a buddy! By pairing up with a new student, you can expand your horizons, learn more about your school, display kindness, and maybe make a new friend!

START A MINDFULNESS MOVEMENT

By Isabella, 11, Rhode Island

Recently, my teachers added activities into the school day, like focusing on our breathing or spending more time outside to reset before returning to lessons after recess or gym. These activities are part of a practice called mindfulness, which involves paying close attention to your thoughts and feelings, as well as what's happening around you, in the present moment. I noticed that this helped everyone calm down and refocus, which created a more positive environment. "Mindfulness helps children understand their own feelings and the feelings of others," says Mary Phan, a research scholar at the University of Utah. "When we understand how someone else is feeling, we are more likely to be kind." Here are ways to try it at your school.

Share the advantages. Tell your teacher or principal about the benefits of mindfulness, which Phan says include improved focus, problem-solving skills, and resilience. This may help to persuade them to incorporate a few mindful moments into the day at your school.

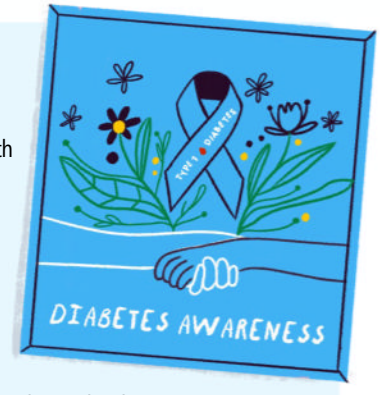
Offer ideas. Share examples of mindful moments, like the "Five Senses Exercise," in which you focus on what you see, hear, smell, taste, and touch. It could be breathing softly or tasting a delicious piece of chocolate. Whatever it is, letting your mind focus on something positive can help you reduce stress and help you relax.

Start a club. You can also ask your teacher or principal about starting a mindfulness club, meditation club, or yoga club. Invite friends to join you, then decide together what activities you could do and when your club would meet.

RAISE AWARENESS FOR A CAUSE

By Tyler, 10, Ohio

When I was 5 years old, I was diagnosed with type 1 diabetes (T1D). I didn't know what it was or how much it would change my life, but I learned that more than 1.5 million people in the US have it. Dr. Jamie Wood, a pediatric endocrinologist, says T1D is one of the most common chronic conditions kids can get.



Type 1 diabetes happens when the body stops making insulin, which helps turn food into energy. Without insulin, blood sugar levels get too high and can be dangerous. Kids like me check our blood sugar, take insulin, and are careful about when we eat and when we are active. I've learned that just sharing my story with my friends and teachers helps them understand it, and they're eager to support me and learn about how to help find a cure. Raising awareness for a cause like T1D can include these action steps.

Wear a ribbon. You don't have to wait until November, which is National Diabetes Month, to put on a blue ribbon. It's a good way to start conversations and teach others about T1D.

Sign up for events. Participating in walks and fun runs or organizing lemonade stands that raise money and awareness helps scientists get closer to finding a cure.

Share information. Creating videos, drawing comics, or making posters for school explaining what T1D is can be a great way to involve friends and classmates. Adding facts, like how T1D isn't caused by eating too much sugar, will help clear up common misunderstandings.

Advocate for change. Speaking up can make schools better for kids with T1D. I have talked to my teachers, the school nurse, and the school staff about what I need to stay healthy, and they are really supportive. My school makes sure the staff know what to do in emergencies. Dr. Wood says that advocating for these small changes can make life easier and safer for kids with T1D.

ILLUSTRATIONS BY LORENA BAYONA

ORGANIZE A DRIVE FOR FOSTER FAMILIES

By Gavin, 9, Oregon

Families with foster children need toys and gear for summer activities but don't always have them. Donation centers that collect items are part of the solution. Here's how you can help by organizing a donation drive.

Get permission. Ask a parent, teacher, or community leader if you can hold a drive, and discuss which center you can donate items to. Discuss how long the drive should last. Will it be a one-day event, or can people drop off items over a week or more? You can also set a goal for how many items you hope to collect.

Find out what's needed. Be sure to ask the center about the condition the items should be in. "In general, we either take brand-new items or like-new items," says Noelle Zimny of With Love, a donation center for foster children in Tigard, Oregon. Also ask if there is a need for specific items that people don't always think to donate. "We are always in need of water bottles and sippy cups," says Zimny. "We also need kid-sized dishes and diaper cream."

Advertise the drive. Tell friends, family, your school, and your community about the event. Make posters that explain the purpose of the drive. Include the details about the location and the dates for drop-off, as well as the requested items. Ask a parent to post the information on social media.

Collect and give the donations. Once you have the items, set up a drop-off date with the donation center. While you're there, you can ask about other times of year they especially need donations. You can also plan to make an announcement to thank donors and let them know the drive was a success.

SHARE TIPS TO BE KIND TO THE EARTH

By Orion, 12, Minnesota

When you are kind to the Earth, there are many benefits to animals, nature, and people. I was inspired to learn more ways to help the planet when I went fishing with my family. I noticed every so often that a fish would bite off our fishing line and sink to the bottom of the lake. I found out that lead fishing lures can poison fish and birds, like loons, if they eat them. I encouraged my whole family to start using tin sinkers instead. Changing our fishing habits was a way to show kindness to fish and the loons.

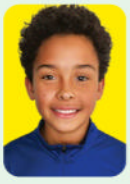
Next, I started thinking about other changes I could make to help the planet. I asked Meghan Bernard, the sustainability manager for my school district, for ideas. She shared these three.

Bike or walk. Instead of getting a ride everywhere, consider whether you can get where you're going by biking or walking, neither of which causes pollution.

Join a club. Research groups supporting nature in your area, says Bernard. I'm on my school's LiveGreen team. Students work with teachers to solve problems sustainably, like making solar panel kits to send to schools in Uganda that don't have electricity.

Think about need vs. want. Before you make a purchase, ask yourself if it's really necessary. "It's good to think about how much you already have, then decide if you're going to buy another T-shirt or not," says Bernard.

BE AN UPSTANDER FOR OTHERS



By Lincoln, 11, Virginia

Being an upstander means standing up for people when they are being treated unfairly or when others are being mean. It's not always easy, but it's the right thing to do. Sometimes people only defend those who share their background, gender, or race, or only those they are friends with, but real courage means standing up for everyone. We should never be bystanders when we see injustice, according to Omékongo Dibinga, a professor of cross-cultural communication at American University. "Silence helps the bully, never the victim."

That means that if you see something wrong and say nothing, you're actually helping the person who is doing the wrong thing. If we stay quiet, we allow harm to continue. Whether it's drawing attention to unfair treatment or supporting someone who feels alone, taking action can create real change.

Acting as an upstander isn't just about eliminating bullying. It's also about helping in small ways, like telling a friend when their joke goes too far, or reaching out to a teacher about behavior you've witnessed. Dibinga told me that being an upstander means doing the right thing even when it is hard.

In short, everyone has the power to be an upstander. You don't have to be the loudest person in the room or the most popular student at your school. You just have to care and take action when you see something happening that you know is wrong. If we all promise to be upstanders, the world will be a much better place.

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PEARL
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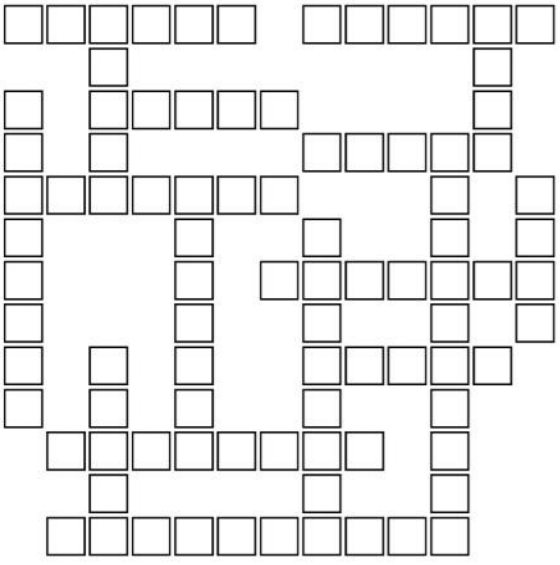

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H	U	I	E	R

ALL THE SAME

Each answer contains the letters U-M-P. Those letters have been placed for you. Can you figure out the words? (NEED A HINT? Check the bottom of the page.)

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2. Light source on Halloween night ☐UMP☐☐☐
3. Big win ☐☐☐UMP☐
4. Unbelievably tasty ☐☐☐UMP☐☐☐☐☐
5. Big egg in a nursery rhyme ☐UMP☐☐ ☐UMP☐☐

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6				5	
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Spot the difference

These two pictures of bananas appear to be the same, but take a closer look. There are actually five differences. Can you see them?

PUZZLES BY PUZZABILITY

All the same hint: Word 4 begins with three consonants.

Kilobytes to kilometers

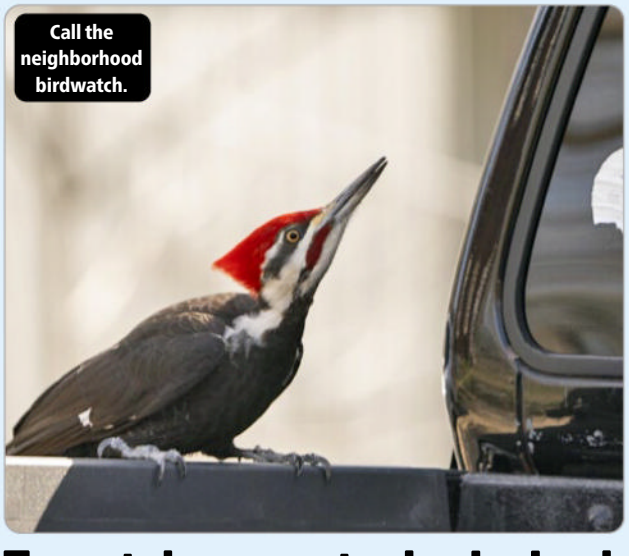
Robots run a half marathon

At a half marathon in China last month, 21 two-legged robots were in the running alongside 12,000 human competitors. While humans paused to drink water, the bots' handlers swapped out their batteries. Some bots crashed out—one simply lay down at the start—but six reached the finish line, earning awards such as best gait and endurance. Millions of people watched on a livestream as the fastest robot completed the 13.1-mile race in 2 hours and 40 minutes, lagging 98 minutes behind the human winner.

A real night at the museum

A private sleepover with art

On May 9, one lucky guest will stay overnight at the National Gallery in London, UK. The opportunity was offered to people 18 and older as part of a prize drawing organized by the museum. It follows two years of work on the Sainsbury Wing, which has been closed for a redesign. On May 10, a new exhibition will open there, featuring famous works of art. The sleepover guest will take a private tour of the exhibition the night before it opens, enjoy a meal at the museum, and sleep in a bed surrounded by paintings.



Call the neighborhood birdwatch.

To catch a crested criminal

For more than a month, a vandal has been cracking car windows and side mirrors in Rockport, Massachusetts. Locals were puzzled until one shared a description of the suspect: "18 to 24 inches tall, wearing black and white with a red hat." The culprit was a pileated woodpecker that thought his reflection was another bird and pecked on the glass to announce his territory. Although the "pileated pillager" has smashed at least 20 mirrors, a neighbor told The New York Times, "It's hard to be mad at him."

Real or fake?

Rub-a-dub-dub, AI in a tub?

The future of bubble baths

If you find showering and bathing boring, now there's a machine that can wash your body for you. It was first dreamed up in 1970 by Japanese engineers in Japan 55 years ago. Now it has been transformed into a real-life working machine using AI. Its creators say it cleanses both the body and mind.

*Real! The idea for a human washing machine was developed by a team of

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Your turn

Editor's note

When I saw the film *The Six Triple Eight* earlier this year, after we highlighted it in our Watch List column, I was amazed by the true story it brought to life (p4). The movie was based on the experience of 855 Black women who served in the US military during World War II. Their unit, officially known as the 6888th Central Postal Directory Battalion and nicknamed the Six Triple Eight, figured out how to quickly process a huge backlog of mail and get it to US troops serving in Europe. The unfair treatment the women faced because of their race and gender made their task more difficult but did not deter them. Now the US Congress has awarded the Congressional Gold Medal, its highest civilian honor, to the members of the battalion. The award, presented 80 years after the unit achieved their mission, was long overdue. But all of us at *The Week Junior* were delighted to see the women recognized for their important service.

Andrea Barbalich
Editorial Director

CHARITY OF THE WEEK

Teaching Matters

This organization's goal is to support teachers in the classroom and improve student learning outcomes. It provides training for educators in subjects such as literacy and math and helps them develop lesson plans and teaching strategies. Since its founding in 1994, it has worked with more than 50,000 educators and had an impact on over 750,000 students. Find out more at teachingmatters.org. Teaching Matters

A civics champ

Zoey, 14, Virginia

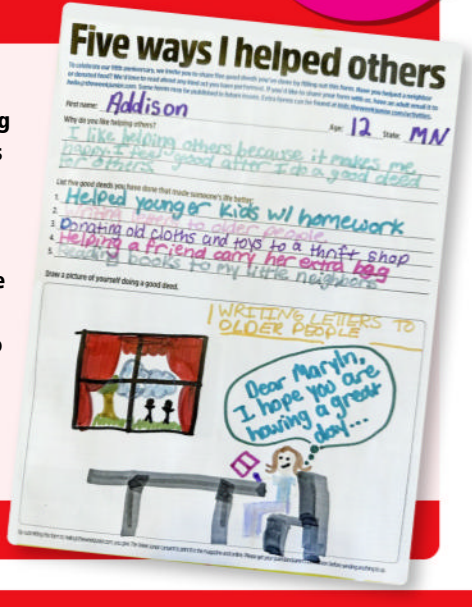
"Most students may find civics boring. Even I did at first, but then I grew to love it. My wonderful civics coach, Mrs. Koury, helped me see how civics can change people's communities. With that knowledge, I was inspired to research a topic at the library and brainstorm solutions to a local problem. I competed in the National Civics Bee Virginia State Finals to advocate for affordable housing and learned a lot about the US Constitution and related aspects of government. At the competition, I came in first and had the opportunity to engage with other civic-minded students like me. That's why I believe youth government is the future of change!"

Have you done something interesting or raised money for a cause you care about? Whatever you're up to, we want to hear about it at *hello@theweekjunior.com.*

JOKE OF THE WEEK
What side is best when sitting on a plane?
The inside!

Your five good deeds

Addison, a 12-year-old from Minnesota, likes helping others. Addison's good deeds include writing letters to older people, carrying a bag for a friend, and donating clothes and toys. To celebrate *The Week Junior*'s fifth anniversary this year, we're asking readers to share five good deeds they've done. Have you helped a neighbor or a friend or performed a kind act? Go to kids.theweekjunior.com/activities to download a form like the one shown at right. Fill it out, then have an adult email it to us at *hello@theweekjunior.com*. We'll feature some of the submissions on this page in future issues.



THE WEEK Junior IT'S YOUR TURN Email your news, views, and photos to *hello@theweekjunior.com.*

Your turn

YOUR PHOTOS

We'd love to see pictures you've taken or pictures with you in them! Have an adult email them to us at *hello@theweekjunior.com*, along with anything you would like us to know about what's happening in the photo.

"I was most delighted to see an image of one of my original FDR campaign pins in *The Week Junior*." Herlof, 11, North Dakota

"I love the How To section of *The Week Junior* and made these cute animal eggs." June, 10, Colorado

"I made this spiced dal from the magazine. *The Week Junior* wasn't joking that it was delicious!" Hugo, 10, New York

Teacher OF THE WEEK

Teacher's Name: **Mr. Bohannon**

School: **Child of God Lutheran School**

"I would like to nominate my sixth-grade homeroom teacher, Mr. Bohannon. I think he is the best teacher because he is welcoming, kind, fun, friendly, and just gets my class. He lets us have free time but also knows when to get serious with us. Mr. Bohannon helps us when we are having a bad day and need someone to talk to. He also has a great sense of humor and always greets us with a smile."

Maria, 12, Missouri

Nominate your teacher for Teacher of the Week!
Send your reason for the nomination, a photo of your teacher, and your school's name and address to *hello@theweekjunior.com*.

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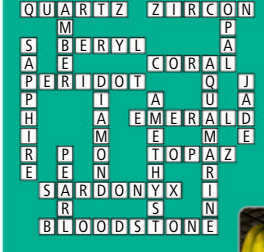
Puzzle answers (from page 26)



Take five
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icing
fudge
syrup
honey

All the same
1. grumpy
2. pumpkin
3. triumph
4. scrumptious
5. Humpty Dumpty

4	6	3	2	1	5
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Quiz answers (from page 30) **1** Operation Ouch **2** False. They mostly judge a dog's emotions based on its situation. **3** b) Montreal Victoire **4** Neapolitan **5** b) *Gypsy* **6** True **7** a) English **8** a) Albert Einstein **9** King Arthur **10** c) Bellingshausen Sea **11** True **12** "Celebrate Happy" **13** a) Avengers Mansion **14** False. It stays fresh longer and tastes the same. **15** a) 6

We want to hear from you! To have your letters, photos, nominations, recommendations, or ideas considered for inclusion in the magazine, please include your first name, age, and state with your submission. By emailing your submission to us, you give *The Week Junior* consent to publish it in the magazine and online. Please get your parent/guardian's permission before sending anything to us.

How much of this week's news can you remember?

1 What is the name of twin doctors Chris and Xand van Tulleken's YouTube channel?

2 True or false? A study found that people mostly judge a dog's emotions based on its behavior.

True ☐ False ☐

3 Which team finished the 2024–25 Professional Women's Hockey League season in first place?

a) Minnesota Frost b) Montreal Victoire
c) Toronto Sceptres

a ☐ b ☐ c ☐

4 Chef Mirko D'Agata took first place in what category at the 2025 International Pizza Challenge?

5 Audra McDonald made history with a Tony nomination for her performance in which Broadway musical?

a) Death Becomes Her b) Gypsy
c) Maybe Happy Ending

a ☐ b ☐ c ☐

6 True or false? The largest powwow in North America was recently held in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

True ☐ False ☐

7 What high school subject does the 2025 National Teacher of the Year teach?

a) English b) History c) Math

a ☐ b ☐ c ☐

8 In the book *Right Back at You*, which famous scientist does Mason write a letter to?

a) Albert Einstein b) Isaac Newton
c) Stephen Hawking

a ☐ b ☐ c ☐

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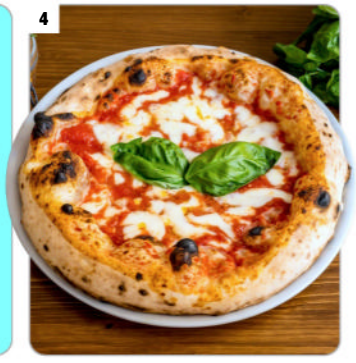

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ANSWERS CAN BE FOUND ON PAGE 29.

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9 Researchers at the University of Cambridge's library recently discovered a medieval manuscript about what legendary British king?

10 Creatures were discovered at the bottom of which sea when an iceberg broke away?

a) Bering Sea
b) Black Sea
c) Bellingshausen Sea

a ☐ b ☐ c ☐

11 True or false? *The Girl Who Was Too Big for the Page* is actress Geena Davis' first children's book.

True ☐ False ☐

12 What is the name of Disneyland's 70th anniversary theme song?

13 The Frick Collection, a museum in New York City, inspired which famous comic-book headquarters?

a) Avengers Mansion
b) Wayne Manor
c) X-Men Mansion

a ☐ b ☐ c ☐

14 True or false? Scientists created a "super banana" that stays fresh longer but tastes different.

True ☐ False ☐

15 How many robots reached the finish line at a half marathon in China?

a) 6
b) 9
c) 12

a ☐ b ☐ c ☐

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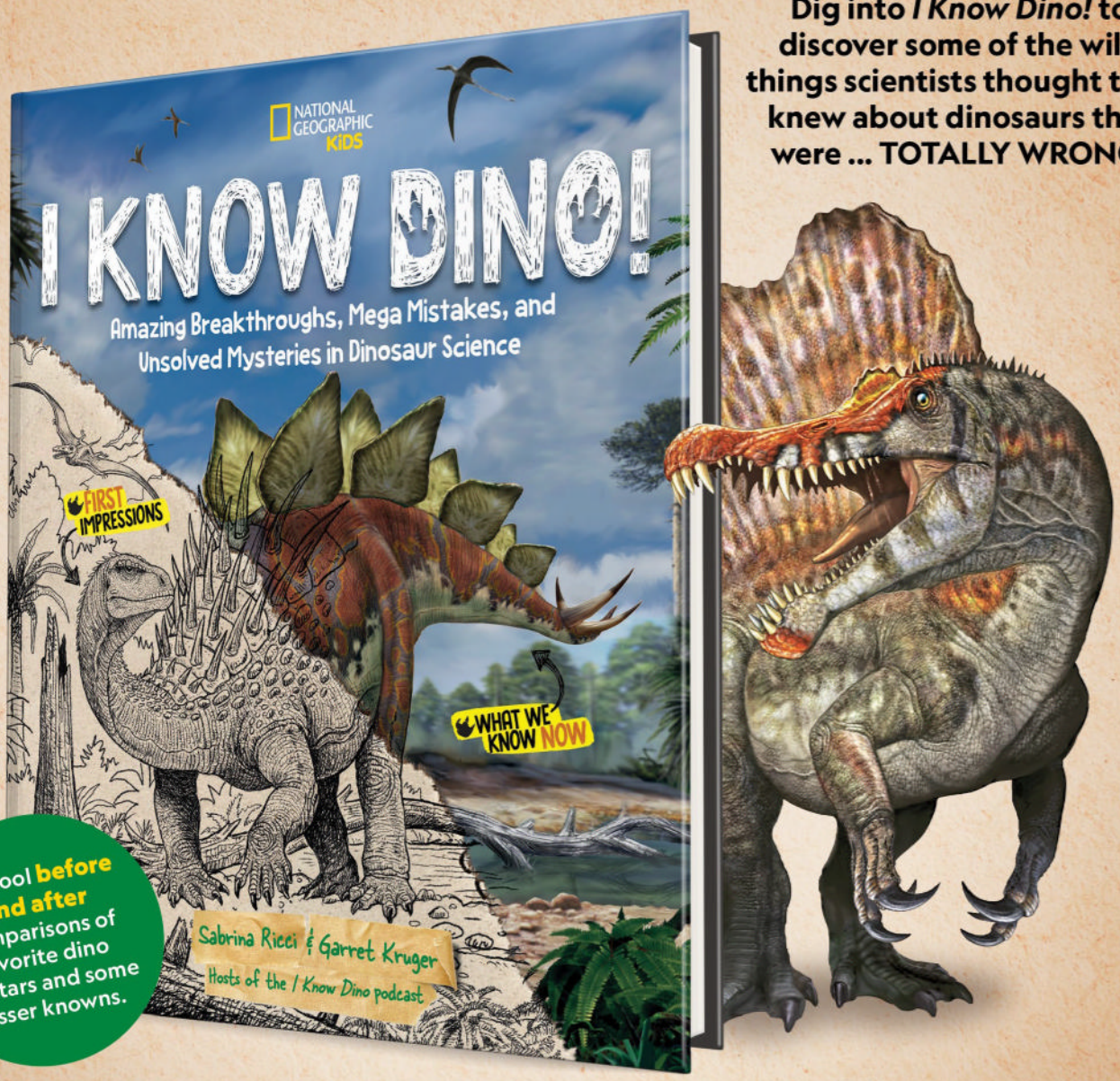

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